

REMARKS

This Response is being submitted in response to the Official Action dated 5 August 2005.

Claims 1-18 are pending, and no amendments have been made.

The Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-18 under U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0015379A1 to Mee combined with other references as follows:

1. Claim 1 was rejected as being anticipated by the Mee '379 Application.
2. Claims 6 and 7 were rejected as being obvious in light the Mee '379 Application. The Examiner argues that although the Mee '379 Application does not disclose the use of data compression modules and notification software, it would have been obvious to include these components.
3. Claims 2, 3, 5, 8-10, and 13-18 were rejected as being obvious in view of the Mee '379 Application and U.S. Patent Application 2004/0243542A1 to Meltzer (system, method, and software for facilitating the recovery and/or identification of a missing person). The Examiner argues that it was obvious to combine the Mee and Meltzer references to arrive at the invention as claimed in claims 2, 3, 5, 8-10, and 13-18.
4. Claims 4 and 11-12 were also rejected as being obvious in light of the Mee '379 Application, the Meltzer '542 Application, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,396,403 (child monitoring system). The Examiner argues that it would have been obvious to modify the invention of Mee and Meltzer to include an audible alert as taught by Haner because the modification would result in a system that would further aide in locating a missing person by

making security personnel and bystanders aware of a missing person alert.

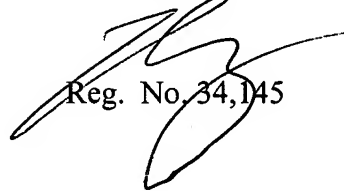
Despite the foregoing, the present application derives priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/487,552; Filed: July 15, 2003. However, development of the invention as claimed was substantially completed by May 15, 2003. Applicant submits herewith the inventor's Declaration under 35 USC 131 to establish conception as well as reduction to practice, as due diligence leading to the filing of the instant application. The current invention was fully disclosed by memo dated May 15, 2003 from co-inventor Robert Glaser to Mr. Charen (attached). The memo is written in patent style for submittal to the undersigned attorney, and details every aspect of the present invention as presently claimed, inclusive of a portable data storage medium containing information related to a child, including an image of the child, to be carried by a parent, a network of kiosks and a system server equipped to receive the data from the portable data storage medium, in the event that the child and the parent are separated. The image of the child is displayed at all kiosks to assist security personnel and bystanders in locating the child. The undersigned attorney received the memo and worked with all due haste and completed the provisional application and filed it on July 15, 2003.

The Rule 131 Declaration and its showing of facts is such, in character and weight, as to establish reduction to practice prior to the effective date of U.S. Patent Application No. 20040015379 by Mee, as well as conception of the present invention prior to the effective date of that reference coupled with due diligence from prior to said date to a subsequent reduction to practice or to the filing of the current application.

In view of the above, all pending claims 1-12 are believed to avoid all the objections/rejections set forth in the Official Action. The case should be in allowance. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 410.385.2383 to discuss any remaining issues.

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Respectfully submitted,



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